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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on Form PTO-1449, attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Copies of the references listed below as items 1-19 are attached hereto as Exhibits 2-20, respectively.

1. Connolly et al. (1996) Cerebral protection in homozygous null ICAM-1 mice after middle cerebral artery occlusion, *J. Clin. Invest.* 97, 209-216 (Exhibit 2);
2. Pinsky et al. (1996) Hypoxia-induced exocytosis of endothelial cell Weibel-Palade bodies, a mechanism for rapid neutrophil recruitment after cardiac preservation, *J. Clin. Invest.* 97, 493-500 (Exhibit 3);
3. Connolly et al. (1996) Procedural and strain-related variables significantly affect outcome in a murine model of focal cerebral ischemia, *Neurosurgery* 38, 523-532 (Exhibit 4);

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5. Kim et al. (1995) Adhesive glycoproteins CD11a and CD18 are upregulated in the leukocytes from patients with ischemic stroke and transient ischemic attacks, *J. Neurol. Sci.* 128, 45-50 (Exhibit 6);
6. Mayevsky et al. (1995) Multiparametric monitoring of the awake brain exposed to carbon monoxide, *J. Appl. Physiol.* 78, 1188-1196 (Exhibit 7);
7. Bronner et al. (1995) Primary prevention of stroke, *New Eng. J. Med.* 333, 1392-1400 (Exhibit 8);
8. Fassbender et al. (1995) Circulating selectin- and immunoglobulin-type adhesion molecules in acute ischemic stroke, *Stroke* 26, 1361-1364. (Exhibit 9);
9. Seekamp et al. (1994) Role of selectins in local and remote tissue injury following ischemia and reperfusion, *Am. J. Pathol.* 44, 592-598 (Exhibit 10);
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11. Schroeter et al. (1994) Local immune responses in the rat cerebral cortex after middle cerebral artery occlusion, *J. Neuroimmunol.* 55, 195-203 (Exhibit 12);

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13. Dawson and Snyder (1994) Gases as biological messengers: nitric oxide and carbon monoxide in the brain, *J. Neurosci.* 14, 5147-5159, (Exhibit 14);
14. Carlos and Harlan (1994) Leukocyte-endothelial adhesion molecules, *Blood* 24, 2068-2101, (Exhibit 15);
15. Verma et al. (1993) Carbon monoxide: a putative neural messenger, *Science* 259, 381-384 (Exhibit 16);
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17. Brown and Piantadosi (1992) Recovery of energy metabolism in rat after carbon monoxide hypoxia, *J. Clin. Invest.* 89, 666-672 (Exhibit 18);
18. Kochaneck and Hallenbeck (1992) Polymorphonuclear leukocytes and monocytes/macrophages in the pathogenesis of cerebral ischemia and stroke, *Stroke* 23, 1367-1379 (Exhibit 19); and
19. Ishimaru et al. (1991) Effects of successive carbon monoxide exposures on delayed neuronal death in mice under the maintenance of normal body temperature, *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun.* 179, 836-840 (Exhibit 20).

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Applicants maintain that none of the above-listed references citable as a reference against the subject application disclose or suggest the invention now being claimed.

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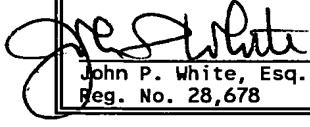
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